

From the 755th....

Three memorial plaques, honoring members of the Corps of Engineers who lost their lives in the construction of the railroad bridge over the Rhine at Wesel, Germany, were made by the 755th Ry Shop Bn. at the request of Major General Ross Chief of Transportation in the ETO. Inscribed on each plaque are these words: "This plaque presented by the officers and men of the Transportation Corps, ETO USA, as a tribute and pledge that they will not have died in vain."

Fifteen men who were over 42 have left the 755th to return to the U.S. and be discharged. All four companies gave the men a send-off the night before they left.

On the evening of May 25th the shop outfit held another in a series of battalion dances, which are proving quite successful in their designed purpose of boosting morale. Music was furnished by a GI orchestra out of the 118th A.A.A., with the addition of two 755th lads — Pfc John Gallagher, trumpet; and Pfc Louis Maldonado, saxophone.

On Memorial Day, May 30th, a brief ceremony was held in front of the billets to honor the men who had fallen from the unit's ranks. Lt. Col. Miles G. Stevens, CO, called the "roll of honor."

On June 2nd the 755th had been overseas exactly 18 months, with a fine record through England, Wales, France and Belgium to look back on.

Large hand-made reproductions of the Transportation Corps insignia now adorn the approaches to both Co. "C" and Battalion Hq., thanks to Sgt. Corona, T/4 Tillman, and T/5 Duhamel.

From the 741st....

Two stalwart sons of "Old Kaintuck" held a happy reunion when Captain Claude B. Terrell, 741st Adjutant, was visited by his brother, Dan, a 1st Lt in the 302nd Inf., 94th Division, who is now stationed at Dusseldorf. The Terrell boys are from Lexington, Ky. That's C. B. at the right in photo.



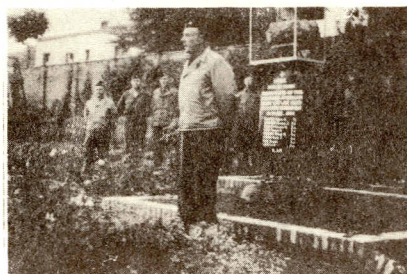
At Kinkempois, 1st Lt. Melvin B. Mowrer's "A" Company boys went to work with a will and a bulldozer, and leveled off a weed patch to make a nice ball field. Now a soft ball league is going great guns, to the delight of the GI's and the amazement of the Belgian neighbors. A furloughed Alton railroader, Lt Mowrer's

home town is Bloomington, Ill.

Attendance at Chapel services was especially good one recent Sunday. It is just barely possible that Chaplain Jasper L. Davidson's choral group, composed of the waitresses from officers' mess, had something to do with it. Captain Davidson, incidentally, hails from 702 E. Hayes St., Beeville, Texas.

The "Pony Express", Hq. Company's rail car, scoots out of Liege every day, delivering mail and PX rations to the 741st's far-flung domain. The "engineer" Cpl. Paul Seiders, 1412 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, Pa., is becoming a very popular guy with the men out along the line.

The ping pong table in the battalion day room is a mighty busy spot these days. Everybody likes to play, but the class of the outfit appears to be Pfc Paul Shepherd, 927 Albert St., Winston-Salem, N.C. A tournament is being planned to determine just who is the real champ.



Memorial Day found 741st railroaders paying solemn tribute to comrades who had been killed by enemy action. Eight had lost their lives on Dec. 22nd when a lone Nazi raider dive-bombed the barracks and motor pool area. Grouped about a simple monument erected to their memory on a monastery grounds at Liege, officers and men of the battalion heard Lt Col. L.E. Thornton voice the thoughts which were in all their minds. After a prayer by Chaplain Davidson, the Colonel placed a large wreath on the site. Taps and a retreat formation, ended the ceremony.

--- 1st Lt. Myron Van Fraag

From the 729th....

T/3 Kenneth A. Keller, of Co. "B", has returned to the States on 45-days furlough. He has served three years in the army, 32 months of it overseas, and this is the first leave. An all-around mechanic on both steam and diesel engines, Sergeant Keller worked in the Washington State lumber fields before entering the service. His home is at 710 Adler St., Sumner, Wash.

Crew of the first U. S. Army train to cross the Weser river after completion of the bridge there by the Engineers, included these men from 729th's Co. "C": T/4 Joseph T. McWilliams, 719 Foss Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa.; T/5 Douglas G. Whitworth, Mathis, Texas; Sgt. Kenneth B. Rowe, 124 Wall St., Kalamazoo, Mich.; and Pfc Andrew G. Yohnke, East Toledo, Ohio.

From the 794th....

Members of Co. "A", 794th MP Bn. were the sole representatives of the American army and nation in the VE-Day celebration at Chalindrey, France. At the mayor's request, company officers and some

of the enlisted men joined village dignitaries at the mayor's office to drink a toast to the victory. When the group appeared on the steps of the building, there were shouts and hand-clapping from



the crowd of civilians which had gathered outside, with "Vive l'Amérique" ringing above them all. After a march to the town's World War I monument and return, the mayor thanked each man personally for taking part. The civilians did likewise, many of them with tears in their eyes. And there were kisses in the usual French fashion. Some of the officers and men who participated are shown in the above snapshot. They include: S/Sgt Clifton Jackson, Sullivan, Mo.; T/5 Samuel Kimberg, 1339 Elder Ave. Bronx, N. Y.; 1st Lt. Alfred L. Apple, 327 S. 29th St., Lafayette, Ind.; Capt. Earl B. Jackson, 1714 Davitt St., Sault Ste Marie, Michigan; S/Sgt Edward A. Wiechec, 806 S. Grant St., Bay City, Mich.; 1st Lt. Harry J. Fotakis, 33 School St., Randolph, Maine; 1st Sgt. J. W. Streetman, Lawn, Texas; 1st Lt. Richard S. Booner, 1004 Gotham St., Watertown, N.Y.; and T/Sgt Edward A. Capello, Tappan Rd., Norwood, N.J.

--- T/5 Kimberg.

From the 750th....

M. J. Bauman, Chairman of the Board of Deputies at Saint Die, France, has sent a letter of appreciation to the track platoon of Company "A". He wrote: "You did a splendid job with great rapidity. Handicapped as you were by bad weather, you never-the-less made it possible for trains to enter our devastated city." It was 1st Lt. Henry C. Cross, Lincoln, Neb., who supervised a crew of 35 enlisted men in the construction of nearly five kilometers of track in 14 days.

Outstanding horticulturist in the 750th is Sgt Edward Swanson, Porter, Ind. He can pin the correct tag on almost any thing that grows. Sergeant Swanson was recently seen lecturing on the fine points of a civilian garden. Back in the USA he belonged to a railroader's horticultural club.

Among the first MRS men to cross the Rhine were six EM of Company "C". They crossed the river immediately after the advancing combat troops and were ordered to guard important records in a building at the Karlsruhe railhead. But on arriving they found the building destroyed. The roundhouse, however, was in good condition and contained 18 Reichbahn locomotives. The six men proceeded to spike down everything that could be spiked. Then they took turns at guard. They also kept their eye on 366 passenger and freight cars in the yard. But they held their post for 18 days. Some Russian laborers, enslaved by the Nazis, befriended the 750th men. On the 19th

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